## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 332

April 28, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Plache, Notestein, R. Young, Riley, Baldwin, Morris-Tatum, Boyle and Kreuser, cosponsored by Senators Petak and Darling. Referred to Committee on Welfare Reform.

- 1 AN ACT to renumber 49.19 (4) (by); and to create 49.19 (4) (by) 2. of the statutes;
- relating to: the amount of the equity value of cars that is excluded in
- determining eligibility for aid to families with dependent children.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current state law, as required by federal law, places limits on the amount of assets that a person may own and still be eligible for aid to families with dependent children (AFDC). The limits are generally \$1,000 plus a home and up to \$1,500 equity in a car. Current law requires the department of health and social services (DHSS) to seek a federal waiver of the federal requirements concerning AFDC asset limits in order to allow recipients to have up to \$2,500 equity value in one or more cars that will not count against the asset limit. If the waiver is granted, DHSS must implement the waiver.

This bill requires DHSS to seek federal authority to increase the amount of the equity value of one or more cars that an AFDC recipient may have, under the waiver, from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 49.19 (4) (by) of the statutes is renumbered 49.19 (4) (by) 1.
- **SECTION 2.** 49.19 (4) (by) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

49.19 (4) (by) 2. The department shall request authority from the secretary of the federal department of health and human services to increase the amount of the equity value of automobiles that is excluded when determining the combined equity value of assets under par. (bm) from \$2,500 to \$5,000. If approval is granted and the waiver under subd. 1. is in effect, then the equity value of automobiles with a total equity value of not more than \$5,000 shall not be included when determining the combined equity value of assets under par. (bm).

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